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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Awards and Recognitions 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year and State-Level Finalists

This month, Mrs. Melody Arabo, will complete her year as the 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Arabo has provided exemplary service as a representative of the excellent teachers in Michigan. She has supported the State Board of Education priorities through her many activities and has made all of us very proud.

The 2015-2016 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Mr. Rick Joseph of Birmingham Covington School, Birmingham Public Schools will be introduced. The four state-level finalists will also be introduced. They are:

- Mr. Michael Craig, special education and agriculture teacher, Charles R. Drew Transition Center, Detroit Public Schools
- Mrs. Emily Pohlonski, science teacher, Novi High School, Novi Community Schools
- Mr. David Stuart, history and English teacher, Cedar Springs High School, Cedar Springs Public Schools
- Mr. Luke Wilcox, math teacher, East Kentwood High School, Kentwood Public Schools

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